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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

All the exchanges in New York closed yesterday. —— British steamer Antillia is ashore at Great Egg Harbor. —— Gen. MacArthur recommends that a bounty of $250 be allowed each soldier in the Philippines who re-enlists for another term. —— It is absolutely necessary to maintain an army of 60,000 men in the Philippines. —— Minister Conger notifies the government that he has signed the agreement of the foreign ministers in Pekin. —— R. B. Cooke, Norfolk, Va., is appointed traffic manager of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk R. R. Co. —— The Hay-Pauncefote treaty will be transmitted to the British government by to-day's steamer. —— Another revolution has broken out in Venezuela. —— Two Americans killed and several wounded in encounters with Filipinos on the island of Leyte. —— The German government has presented to the State Department at Washington claims of German subjects for damages, as a result of the Spanish-American war; the U. S. government will refuse to accept responsibility. —— A passenger train wrecked by a miscreant near Rome, Ga.; several train employes in jured. —— Tug Ocean King with two barges wrecked on Smith's Island, Va.; crews saved. —— Street car strike at Scranton, Pa.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 59 degrees; 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 67 degrees; minimum, 56 degrees; mean, 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 1.04; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 3.95 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 16 feet and falling.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday, shomewhat colder in central portion; Wednesday fair; fresh west to north winds.

Port Almanac---December 25.

Sun Rises	7.09 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.51 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M
High Water at Southport	10 26 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	12.56 P. M.

A merry Christmas is a good thing, a happy Christmas a better thing. The STAR wishes you both.

One of the new industries of Birmingham, Ala., is a wire nail mill which grinds out 1,000 kegs a day.

The Eastern shoemakers have met and resolved that the tariff duty on hides should be removed. They look upon it as a skinning business.

If Mr. Cudahy, of Omaha, has paid those kidnappers $25,000 to return his boy, he will have to furnish his other kids guards when they go out for an airing.

The impression was that the "chimney sweep" was extinct in this country, but the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, still possesses a few of these relics of antiquity.

A French temperature investigator recently succeeded in sending a balloon up ten and a half miles, over Paris, and found the temperature to be 102 degrees below zero.

We are coming along with water-splitting torpedo boats, too. The other day a new one, the Bailey, clipped along on a trial trip at the rate of something more than thirty knots an hour.

Philadelphia is anticipating so much fun out of the proposed festivities in seeing this century out and the next in that she has increased the appropriation from $5,000 to $10,000.

A Chicago judge attributes much of the immorality of that town to the employment of girls and women in factories and stores, at small wages with long hours. He, no doubt, knows what he is talking about.

A new industry is to be started in Pennsylvania, where a company has bought a large tract of land and proposes to start a silver-fox-'possum-raccoon-jack-rabbit-mink-weasel-skunk-wolf dog-&c-ranch, not for their flesh, but for their coats.

An Ohio judge has a son who, notwithstanding the fact that he has been stove up half a dozen times, playing foot ball, persists in playing it in spite of the old gentleman's protests. Moral and paternal suasion being knocked out by foot ball the judge has framed a bill to knock foot ball out in that State, if the next Legislature passes it. It absolutely prohibits the game in any shape or form within the Buckeye domain. But will that law, if adopted, prevent the young f. b. crank from skipping over into some of the neighboring provinces to take a few whacks at it?

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Custom House will be closed to day.

— There were two additions to the First Baptist Church Sunday.

— L'Agile Cotillon Club will give its December dance at the Masonic Temple to-morrow night.

— Five marriage licenses were granted to colored couples yesterday by the Register of Deeds.

— The U. S. steamship *Algonquin* will probably go on another cruise along the coast to-morrow.

— The steamer *Wilmington* brought up a number of shoppers from Southport yesterday on an excursion.

— The latest acquisition to the *Algonquin* is a bull terrier which has been named "Teddy." He is a fine Mascot.

— The British steamship *Calfield*, 1,904 tons, Capt. Hill, arrived Sunday and will load cotton at the Champion Compress.

— There will be services at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at 11 o'clock this morning. The public is cordially invited.

— The First Baptist Sunday School will celebrate Christmas with appropriate exercises in the lecture room Wednesday night.

— The condition of the young man, J. E. Irby, who had his leg amputated at Delgado Mills Saturday, was unchanged yesterday.

— Dr. Geo. C. Worth closed his series of talks at the Y. M. C. A. on "China" Sunday afternoon. The meeting was well attended.

— Mr. Will Rehder is making lavish decorations in the Masonic Temple ball room for the Christmas dances by the German clubs.

— Special Christmas services will be observed at many of the churches to day. The musical programmes were announced in Sunday's STAR.

— The STAR acknowledges the receipt of an exceedingly handsome calendar from our townsman Joe Newman, the well known "Echo Springs Man."

— The carriers of THE MORNING STAR will present their annual address to subscribers this morning. It is hoped they will be substantially encouraged.

— The "Mistletoe Club" will meet to night at Mr. A. Shrier's, corner Sixth and Market streets. It is the annual festival of the club and will be very enjoyable.

— Mrs. T. F. Simmons won the handsome doll which was offered by Messrs. Kerchner & Harriss to the customer purchasing the most goods during Christmas week.

— The STAR is requested to say that there will be a game of football this afternoon at Hilton Park between the "W. H. S." and "Market Streeters." Game beginning at 1.30 P. M.

— The STAR acknowledges with thanks handsome calendars presented by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, and the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

— In order that its employes may enjoy the pleasures incident to Christmas Day, no paper will be issued from this office to-morrow. But we'll "see you later"—that is, "bright and early" Thursday morning.

— The Italian barque *Angelo Castellano*, 489 tons, Capt. Muojo, arrived in ballast from Alicante, Spain; she is consigned to Heide & Company and will be loaded with naval stores by Paterson, Downing & Co.

— A deed conveying from W. T. Seaward and wife to Robt. S. Collins, property 41x66 feet on the corner of Fifth and Chesnut streets, was recorded with the Register of Deeds yesterday. The consideration was $750.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted—Sealed proposals.
Mercer & Evans Co.—A card.
S. H. MacRae—Bankrupt notice.
Munroe & Kelley—Future holds.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Merry Xmas.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

W. M. Stevenson—Homestead Lin'mt

Remains Sent to South Carolina.

The remains of Mr. Horatio Melton, who died Saturday afternoon at the age of 68 years, at his home near Hilton, were carried to Mars Bluff, S. C., Sunday afternoon on the W. C. & A. train for interment at the old family burying ground. The pall-bearers to the Front street station were Messrs. J. R. Boyett, R. S. Cowan, Frank Harper, W. H. Holloway, L. Chapman and J. E. Boyett. Mr. Melton is survived by his wife and two daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Douglas Dennis, of this city.

Burst in His Hand.

A young negro at Rocky Point had one of his hands badly mutilated yesterday by a cannon cracker bursting in it. He was betting with some by standers that he could hold the cracker in his hand when it exploded As a result of his folly, all of his fingers on one hand were blown off except the thumb and little finger.

For Resisting Officer.

Robert Nixon, colored, was tried yesterday by Mayor Waddell for being drunk and disorderly and resisting an officer in "Dross Neck" Saturday night. He was fined $10 and costs for his frolic.

Photograph gallery open to day.
U. C. Ellis. †

JUDGE BOUND OVER FOR TURNING IN ALARM.

Will Be His Second Appearance at Criminal Court Within a Year for the Same Offence.

Jim Judge, Jordan McIver and Henry Styron, the young men arrested Saturday night on the charge of turning in a false alarm of fire from box 46, corner of Third and Nun streets, were given a trial yesterday morning before Mayor Waddell in the municipal court, and the former, Jim Judge, was bound over to the Criminal Court under a $100 bond, which he was unable to give, and hence was sent to jail, and the others were discharged, but held as witnesses in the case when it comes up for trial in the higher court.

When the case was called the court room was crowded. The first witness put on the stand was Capt. Jim Williams, who testified that when he was going home Saturday night, he passed two young men who were standing at the alarm box on the corner above named. He said he couldn't recognize them but before he had reached the next corner an alarm was turned in. A few minutes later he was in Walter Page's store on the corner of Fourth and Nun streets when Judge and Styron came in and asked where the fire was. He told them that he believed they were the fellows who turned in the alarm. They left immediately and were soon after arrested.

Chief of Police Parmele being duly sworn, testified as to a conversation he had with McIver Saturday night after he was arrested. McIver told him that if he wanted the guilty man to arrest Judge.

The next witness put on the stand was Henry Styron. He said he was with Judge and McIver Saturday night on Third street, and that when they approached Nun street Judge began explaining to McIver how to turn in an alarm and how much fun it was. Witness said when Judge spoke of turning in the alarm he decided to have nothing to do with it and left. He went into an alley nearby and was half a block away when the alarm was sounded. He said he couldn't see which one of the two did it.

Mayor Waddell dismissed the charges against McIver and Styron, but held Judge for his appearance at the Criminal Court. As has previously been stated in the STAR, young Judge was arrested last March, tried and convicted of the same offence, and served three months on the county roads.

B. G. Empie, Esq., was employed as counsel for McIver.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON S. A. L.

Negro Brakeman Killed and Conductor Love Injured at Cronly Saturday by Freight Train Parting.

An accident occurred at Cronly, on the Seaboard Air Line, Saturday night, in which a colored brakeman, whose name is unknown, was instantly killed, and Capt. Love, conductor of the freight train, was badly burned and bruised.

A freight train was going down a grade and broke in two. When the engineer slowed down at Cronly, the back section of the train which had broken loose, crashed into the front part of the train with much force. Up to the time of the collision nobody knew that the train had parted.

The negro brakeman, who was in the caboose, had his head out of the side door when the collision occurred and the door was forcibly shut and caught the negro's head, breaking his neck. Capt. Love was thrown violently against the stove in the caboose and was painfully burned. His arm was severely hurt and he also received several bad bruises on his body. No one else was hurt and there was very little damage to the train. The engine and caboose were detached from the train and brought the injured conductor back to Wilmington, and as soon as he arrived was sent out to the City Hospital, where he received the necessary medical attention. The negro's body was sent to Hamlet for burial.

PROMOTED TO GENERAL AGENT.

Mr. Wm. W. Harriss, Jr., is Advancing Rapidly in Railroad Business.

Mr. William White Harriss, Jr., a former Wilmington boy, and a son of our esteemed townsman, Dr. W. W. Harriss, is making quite an enviable mark for himself in the railroad business, and his many friends here will be glad to hear of his success. He has been appointed general agent of the Gainsville and Gulf Railroad Company, with headquarters at Gainsville, Fla. The appointment will go into effect on January 1st.

At the time of his promotion he was local agent at Gainsville, and had been before that time in the employment of the Florida Central and Peninsular railroad.

Foot Ball Matters.

The Goldsboro and Wilson foot ball elevens will meet on the Goldsboro gridiron to-day. Mr. Tom Gause, of Wilmington, will play with Goldsboro's team.

The game scheduled for to-day between the Tileston Athletic Association and Fayetteville, on the latter's grounds, has been called off on account of Fayetteville failing to came up to the agreement. The Tileston boys say that the Fayettevillians are afraid of them.

A Wilmington team will play in Newbern Friday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. L. Davis is visiting in Newbern.

— Mr. Bailey Robinson, of Ebenezer is in the city.

Miss Marita Elliott is spending Christmas at home.

— Mr. T. Arlington McKelvie is visiting in the city.

— Mrs. J. H. Hinton left yesterday for Rocky Mount.

— Mr. Robert E. Post arrived yesterday from Baltimore.

— Mr. E. N. Farrior, of Charlotte, is here for the holidays.

— Capt. Robert C. Merritt arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. H. Lacy Hunt left yesterday for home at Lexington.

— Mr. M. F. Croom, who has been sick several days with an attack of pneumonia, is improving.

— Miss Laura Swinson has returned from a visit to Dunn.

— Mr. David MacLeans is spending Christmas at Bladenboro.

— Mr. Duncan MacLean has gone to Gibson to spend Christmas.

— Mr. Walker Meares arrived from Pollocksville yesterday.

— Mr. Almon Elliott is at home from the University of Virginia.

— Mr. Raymond Humphreys is at home from school in New York.

— Mr. Charlie Lewis is at home from New York to spend Christmas.

— Mr. Charlie Elliott arrived yesterday from Washington to spend the holidays.

— Miss Mary Stroupe, of Winston, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. W. Harper.

— Mrs. Sue Carroll and Mr. Wm. Carroll, of Raleigh, arrived in the city last night.

— Robert Ruark, Esq., is spending Christmas with his sister at Little River, S. C.

— Miss Carrie Hooper, of Chapel Hill, arrived last evening to visit Mrs. Gabriel Holmes.

— Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Parker, of Portsmouth, are visiting relatives in the city.

— Mr. W. A. Martin, Jr., of Aling Christmas with his sister at Little colu, S. C., is here.

— Messrs. W. P. Oldham, Jr., and Burgess Marshall arrived from Washington Sunday.

— Dr. Walker Weeks, Miss Laura Weeks and Mr. J. D. Davis, came up from Southport yesterday.

— Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., left yesterday for Norfolk to spend Christmas with his family.

— Thomas L. Vines, Esq., clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick county was here yesterday.

— Misses Nellie and Elliott Emerson are at home from college at Baltimore to spend the holidays.

— Mr. A. C. Yarborough, lineman of the Bell Telephone Company, is visiting relatives in Danville, Va.

— Col. Peter Mallett arrived last night from New York to visit his daughter, Mrs. Gabriel Holmes.

— Miss Nellie Cook, supervising principal of the city public schools, is spending the holidays in Fayetteville.

— Mr. C. A. McNeill, an employe of the A. C. L., spent several days in the city, the guest of Mr. M. H. Johnson.

— Capt. Landon C. Jones is now on the passenger run between here and Columbia on the W. C. & Arail road.

— Miss Daisy L. Riggs and Mr. J. B. Evans, of Town Creek, are spending Christmas with Mr. C. S. Riggs.

— Mr. Neill McLaurin, of the motive power department of the A. C. L., at Florence, is at home for a few days.

— Mr. Ed. Heinsberger, who is connected with a telephone company at Sumter, S. C., is in the city for a few days.

— Dr. N. M. Culbreth will leave this morning for Sampson county to visit his father and other relatives. He will return Wednesday afternoon.

— Mr. J. R. Darden, an old Wilmington "typo," accompanied by his sister and brother, Miss Mamie Darden and Mr. Gus Darden, of Wilson, are spending the holidays with friends in the city.

Re-Union of the Brownies.

"A Re-Union of the Brownies" will be held in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church, Saturday evening, Dec. 29th, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock P. M. All the young people of the congregation, as well as the Sabbath school, are most cordially invited to make up the party. The boys are asked to come as "Brownies" and the girls to impersonate any fancy character they may like. But come one and all with the true "Brownie spirit" of good cheer and lots of fun for all.

Jewish Holiday Ended.

Hannkah, the Feast of Lights, one of the principal Jewish holidays, which began December 17th, closed last night. The holiday is commemorative of the cleansing and rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem by Judah. The Feast of Lights is observed by all the Jews but it appeals more directly to the young people, as it is a time for various amusements and for the giving of presents.

Photograph gallery open to day.
U. C. Ellis. †

MRS. SUSAN BLACK COWAN

Passed Away at Bon Air, Va., Sunday Morning--Funeral Will Be Held from St. James' Church To-day.

The sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Susan Black Cowan, at her home at Bon Air, Va., near Richmond, Sunday morning, was received with much sorrow by her numerous friends in Wilmington and the bereaved family has their sincere sympathy in this sad affliction. Her death was caused by pneumonia.

Mrs. Cowan was the widow of the late General John Cowan, and spent the greater part of her life in Wilmington. She was born at Kinston, but moved to Wilmington in early childhood. Before her marriage she was Miss Susan Black. Mrs. Cowan, at the time of her death, was about seventy five years old. She has been a life-long and consecrated member of St. James' Episcopal Church, of this city, and was a woman of beautiful Christian character.

Deceased is survived by a son, Mr. Steven G. Cowan, of Bon Air, Va., and three daughters, Mrs. Platt D. Cowan and Miss Sallie Cowan, of Bon Air, and Mrs. Sol Haas, who is now on the Pacific, with her husband, bound for San Francisco. She also leaves a nephew, Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson. Besides these, she is survived by many in Wilmington who are connected by marriage.

The remains arrived last evening on the Atlantic Coast Line train from Richmond, accompanied by members of her immediate family. The funeral will be conducted at 9 o'clock this morning from St. James' Episcopal Church, with interment at Oakdale cemetery.

THE DIAMOND SALOON

Closed for Several Hours Yesterday--The Attachment Dissolved.

Messrs. Garrett, Williams & Co., of Baltimore, had a claim against Mr. J. E. Hinnant, proprietor of the Diamond Saloon, for $137.50 and got judgment Friday. They issued the execution yesterday evening at 6 o'clock and attached all of the stock and personal property belonging to Mr. Hinnant.

As soon as the attachment was made Constable Wm. Sheehan summoned Messrs. Virginius Hall, Sol Bear and H. J. Gerken to appraise the value of all property, including household and kitchen furniture, belonging to the said Mr. Hinnant. They found the value of all personal effects to be only $391, and requested the constable to dissolve the attachment, and accordingly Mr. Hinnant's saloon was reopened at 8.30 o'clock.

Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., was counsel for Mr. Hinnant, and Herbert McClammy, Esq., represented the Baltimore house. During the investigation a large crowd gathered on the sidewalk in front of the saloon.

KILLED A BIG BEAR.

Onslow County Farmer Had Thrilling Experience on His Place Saturday.

Among the curiosities on Market street Sunday afternoon, was a 196 pound bear which a farmer killed Saturday on his farm in Onslow county. The farmer, who brought the bear here to sell him, said he was out squirrel hunting, his dogs treed, and when he came up to the tree expected to find a squirrel, he was surprised to see a bear instead. His gun failed to fire twice and about that time the animal descended from his position in the tree and engaged in a fierce fight with his dogs. The bear then climbed another tree nearby and he brought him down with a load of bird shot from his muzzle-loader gun. The experience was rather an interesting one for the farmer and his dogs.

REV. FREDERICK HORSFIELD

Preached His First Sermon at St. James' Church Sunday Morning.

The services at St. James' Episcopal Church Sunday were conducted by Rev. Frederick H. T. Horsfield, who has been selected by the vestry to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Dr. Strange, until a permanent rector is chosen. It was Rev. Mr. Horsfield's first appearance in a Wilmington pulpit, and he preached a most excellent sermon, from Rev. 2:17: "To him that overcometh will I give a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth save him that receiveth it." It was a strong sermon and made a deep impression on his congregation.

Mr. Horsfield has endeared himself to the St. James' congregation very much already and is making friends very rapidly by his cultured manners and ease of approach.

Sale of Property at Burgaw.

R. G. Grady, Esq., went to Burgaw yesterday, where he sold under order of the court the "Singletary Farm," near Rocky Point. Mr. S. H. Colwell, of Wallace, was the purchaser, paying $950 for it.

He also sold under order of the court another small farm near Burgaw. Mr. H. C. Blake was the purchaser at $500.

The Weather.

The rainfall in Wilmington for 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning was an inch and eight-hundredths. This was the heaviest rainfall here this month, except on Dec. 4th, there was 1.64 inches. The Weather Bureau promises fair and colder weather to-day.

Photograph gallery open to-day.
U. C. Ellis. †

WILMINGTON'S CHRISTMAS EVE

Passed Off Delightfully to Those on Pleasure Bent—A Big Celebration.

The Christmas eve celebration in Wilmington last night was one of the gayest and most festive experienced in Wilmington for years. The weather conditions were quite favorable and the streets were crowded until after midnight. The noise of tin horns, the rattling of all kinds of tin vessels, etc., was terrific, but the crowds were good natured and every thing passed off without any trouble. The explosion of fireworks was kept up incessantly until the early hours of this morning.

The police department were on the alert and ready to stop any disturbances that might have arisen, but the number of arrests made was remarkably small considering the occasion. The few arrests that were made were for drunkenness.

With the exception of a few slight burns from fireworks, there were no casualties to speak of, and Christmas eve of 1900 will long be remembered in Wilmington for the pleasures and genuine enjoyment it afforded.

TWO POLICEMEN CUT.

Four Negroes Resisted Arrest and Slashed Officers With Their Razors.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning Police Officers J. M. King and G. H. Ward became engaged in a desperate encounter with four negroes at the corner of Red Cross and Sixth streets, and it resulted in Officer King having his left arm, between the elbow and shoulder, cut open to the bone and Policeman Ward receiving a painful gash on his left forearm. One of the negroes was knocked in the head with a bottle thrown by a white man who came upon the scene. Three of the party escaped, but the fourth, Robert Hall, was arrested.

It seems that the negroes got into a row with several white men and the policemen ran up to arrest them. They resisted and a general fight ensued with the result as stated above.

The police officers were sent out to the City Hospital where their wounds were sewed up by Dr. Lane. The nature of the wounds would indicate that razors were used. The authorities expected to arrest the other negroes before morning.

Grace Sunday School Entertainment.

The following ladies have been appointed to make arrangements for the Christmas entertainment by Grace Methodist Sunday School at the City Hall Thursday night: Mrs. W. H. Shaw, presents; Mrs. J. F. Garrell, decorations; Mrs. W. W. Hodges, refreshments. They will be assisted by the young ladies of the Sunday school. A most enjoyable occasion is assurred all the children.

Arrested for Larceny.

John Hutchinson, colored, was arrested yesterday by Officer Huggins on a warrant charging him with larceny of a watch from another negro. It appears that the negroes swapped watches and Hutchinson came out ahead of the game. His case will come up before the Mayor this morning.

Special Policemen.

A number of special policemen were sworn in at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to serve during the Christmas holidays. They were J. T. James, W. C. Sessoms, John Lewis, Samuel Hall, J. B. Jones, W. E. King, W. H. Hancammon, N. R. Jones, J. J. Jordan, O. Watts, J. D. McClammy and M. Bowen.

To be Married at Warsaw.

Miss Bessie Shackleford Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Anderson Johnson, of Warsaw, will be married to Mr. John Henry Land, Jr., of Chadbourn, to-morrow evening at half-past seven o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church at Warsaw.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

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Dec. 23, 1900. dec 23 1w

At the Palace Bakery

YOU WILL FIND EVERYTHING GOOD FOR Christmas. Have received this week fresh consignments of Nuts shelled and unshelled, all kinds of Raisins, Figs and Dates. The stock of these goods is just in and therefore fresh.

.....Fruit Cakes.....

OUR BAKERY HAS BEEN TAXED TO ITS utmost in baking seasonable Cakes, etc., for the holidays. Our new baker from the North can please you.

THE STOCK OF CANDIES AFD FRUITS will be complete this week and next, and no finer line will be found in the city. Our specialty is a home-made Candy at 10c per pound.

Andrew Mavronichols,
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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A Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year,

and wish for their future patronage,

I am, very respectfully,

J. W. Plummer, Jr.
OPEN ALL DAY XMAS
dec 23 tf UNTIL 10.30 P. M.

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Steam Bakery and Cafe,
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dec 21 tf

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BIG PRUNES, 25 TO THE POUND.
RED CRANBERRIES.
TURKEYS, DEAD AND ALIVE.
JELLY, MINCE MEAT, RAISINS.
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We can't bake your cake, but can furnish the best of everything to go in it.

-:-Send me your orders.

-:-S. W. SANDERS-:-
dec 8 tf

A Card.

We return sincere thanks to our friends and the public in general for the liberal patronage bestowed. We shall ever strive to merit the same in the future;
BEST GOODS
AT
LOWEST PRICES
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Wishing you all a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MERCER & EVANS COMPANY,
dec 25 tf 115 and 117 Princess street.

A DELAYED SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED

of Fancy Clocks and Silver Novelties Will sell at very close profits. Call and examine my line of goods and get my prices, and suit yourself as to where you buy. Notice the Show Windows.

J. T. BURKE,
The Jeweler.
No. 27 South Front street.
dec 23 tf

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States in the Eastern District of North Carolina. In the matter of Alex. McN. Page, Jesse W. Page and David Page, partners under the firm name of Alex. Page & Bro., Bankrupts. In bankruptcy. To the creditors of Alex. Page & Bro., of Hoffman, in the county of Richmond, in the said district, bankrupts. Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of December A. D. 1900, the said Alex McN. Page, Jesse W. Page and David Page, partners under the firm name of Alex. Page & Bro., were duly adjudged bankrupts; and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at the office of Morrison & Whitlock, in Rockingham, in the said district, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupts, and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

Dated Fayetteville, N. C., December 24th, 1900.
SAMUEL E. MACRAE,
dec 25 1t Referee in Bankruptcy.

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D. L. CORE CO.,
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dec 25 tf Wilmington, N. C.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the Light House Engineer, Charleston, S. C., until 12 o'clock M., January 20, 1901, and then opened, for furnishing the materials and labor of all kinds necessary for the completion and delivery of a Light Tower, three Keepers' Dwellings, an Oil House, two Storehouses, a Wharf and Tramway, Fences and Plank Walks for Cape Fear Light Station, N. C., in accordance with specifications, copies of which, with blank proposals and other information, may be had upon application to Captain J. C. Sanford, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.
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Is to give them something to beautify the home. To do this without much cost make a selection from my stock of Bamboo and Oak Novelties—something New, Novel, Useful and Cheap.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25.

A DEFECTIVE FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

Secretary Gage is more of a banker than politician and therefore he views public questions more from the standpoint of a financier and business man than as a politician. It is true that he has sometimes been forced into service in party exigencies, and has reversed himself for party benefit, but when he speaks on public questions he generally speaks from a non-partisan standpoint and this, in addition to his conceded ability, invests what he says with more than ordinary importance. The Bankers' Association of New York had its annual banquet recently, at which he was one of the honored guests and one of the principal speakers, his topic being, as might be supposed, finances and other economic questions having more or less relation to the finances. The press report gives the substance of his speech as follows.

Secretary Gage in his address reviewed briefly the history of questions relating to public finances since the close of the Civil War, and called attention to the fact that many of these questions must yet be considered as unsettled. Particular attention was directed to the great intimacy now apparent between the affairs of the Treasury and the general operations of business, which did not exist at the close of that war.

"Under the financial exigencies of that awful strain," said the Secretary, "we learned to take up people's goods by giving them an indefinite promise to pay, endowing that promise with the power to discharge the obligations of private contract. Having discovered, or b lieving we had discovered the 'greenback' to be a powerful help in time of war, we were easily led to believe in it as a blessed agency in time of peace. The greenback became associated in the sentiment of our people with things sacred.

"We now have in circulation among the people and as a reserve fund in the banks $346,000,000 of Government notes. They constitute an enormous public debt, payable on demand. We have, or will have soon, substantially $600,000,000 of silver or paper representatives of silver, whose parity with gold value the Government is under obligation to maintain. The ultimate measure of this obligation is the difference between the commercial value of the money metal and the face value at which it circulates. This difference is not far from $300,000,000.

"We have a system of bank note currency whole volume is but faintly related to the needs of the community, which a properly constructed bank currency most economically serves. It is now controlled as to volume by the price interest-bearing United States bonds in Wall street.

"Our independent treasury absorbs the circulating medium when active business most requires its use, only again to disburse it when falling revenues, the effect of industrial dullness, bring about an excess in expenditures. Industrial activity increases the public revenue, but is checked if not throttled by its enlarged contributions to the idle funds in the public Treasury.

"It is these influences," said the Secretary, "which have brought our industrial and commercial life into a too dangerous dependency upon our public finances. This marriage between these two whom God did not join together ought to be put asunder. But not by any hasty South Dakota divorce method is the separation to be accomplished. The children of this wedlock must not be dishonored. Time attention and great care must be exercised.

"Referring to the system of a few larger banks with a multiplicity of branches, the Secretary said such a system could not probably be established in this country.

"In closing the Secretary said:

"If the course of trade with foreign nations which has marked the last three or four years is to continue we are to assume not long hence a financial relationship heretofore unknown. In the long past we have been under tribute of interest for the use of capital furnished from abroad; the promise is that we shall soon become recipients of interest on capital furnished by us for use abroad. To bring about this desirable end new conditions are imposed, new questions arise, new knowledge is to be acquired. As our horizon expands we must be ready to meet enlarging opportunities and to occupy wisely and well the broader field where our powers are to be exercised."

The greenback was a "powerful help in time of war," and it has been a powerful help in time of peace. It was the creation of necessity, an unconstitutional money, a mere "promise to pay" without naming the time of payment, a fiat money, issued by the representatives of a party which has for some years been harping at silver as a fiat money; but it was a good money, preformed all the functions of money so well in war and in peace, that the people have been satisfied with it and no movement has ever been made by them to have that money withdrawn from circulation. They have never had any nightmares over the so-called "endless chain," which never became an "endless chain" until the money lenders began to fool with our financial system and to make war upon the silver dollar. Then they started the trouble, and when they decided that the greenback must be redeemed in gold, when the law required that those redeemed greenbacks must go back into circulation again, they invented the endless chain.

But the "endless chain" becomes and endless chain only when the stock of gold is so low as to give it a speculative value, and even then if silver had not been tampered with there would be no danger of that for these greenbacks could have been redeemed in "coin." We never heard of the endless chain until the "coin" provision of the government obligations was changed to gold by demonetizing silver for obligation redeeming purposes. With two kinds of metallic money of equal debt redeeming capacity there never could have been any "endless chain" and even now the talk about the dangers from this endless chain comes altogether from men who make their money by dealing in money just as a grocery man does by dealing in groceries. The people who produce the wealth of the country are not afraid of the greenback, which they continue to find much use for and are not losing any sleep over the "endless chain." The greenback has been with us for about forty years, and the probabilities are that it has come to stay.

Like his predecessor, Secretary Carlisle, Secretary Gage believes in getting the Government out of the banking business and making the business of the country, as far as possible, independent of the U. S. Treasury, and with this view has been an advocate of State banks, based on other assets than Government bonds, but he has never been able to get his party representatives in Congress to pay any attention to his suggestions. And yet if they were anxious to retire the greenbacks and get rid of the "endless chain," this would be the most effective way to do it. With a State bank system to supply the people with the volume of currency they needed, the greenback could be dispensed with and retired without any financial jar, and the Government might retire permanently from the banking business, leaving the banks and the people to attend to their business, while it attended to its business.

THE A. & M. COLLEGE.

In his report President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, makes an interesting statement of the progress and the needs of that institution. On entering upon the office of President he found the college in debt $17,150.76 which he has found it impossible to reduce with the present income of the college. The attendance for the past year was 302 students, coming from ten States besides North Carolina. Eighty-four counties of the State are represented by students. Although there were 302 students enrolled, President Winston says the institution cannot accommodate more than 250, and until provision is made for more the number should be limited to 250. Out of the 302 in attendance 136 were self supporting, earning an aggregate sum of $2,056.96 by various kinds of work. The total number of graduates up date is 136, whose average age was a little over 21 years.

With its present capacity and equipment the progress of the school has been good, and that it has made some reputation is shown by the fact that it is patronized by ten States outside of North Carolina. ver one-third of the students are the sons of farmers.

Among the needs to which President Winston calls attention are "a textile building, a chapel, dormitories for the students, a machinery building and additional equipment of tools and machinery," all of which, he says, should be supplied, adding that the college is a good financial investment and the State should keep it up to the standard of efficiency, a statement in which everyone who has given this sub ject serious thought will agree with him.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh was one of the first of the kind, if not the first in the South, and beginning with small means, and really as an experiment, it has proved to be a success and in every way deserving of liberal support. There is need of skilled labor everywhere in the South, and we should not be dependent upon other sections or other countries for it. As long as we are the progress and prosperity of the South will be retarded, and the more of our own skilled labor we have, and the more efficient it becomes, the more rapidly will our progress and prosperity move.

As an illustration of the appreciation of the value and the work of these manual training schools, we may cite the School of Technology, in Atlanta, which was started a few years ago with money donated by a gentleman of Pittsburg, Pa., to which the Legislature of Georgia added $10,000. The benefits of the school have been so apparent that the Legislature has increased the appropriation for next year to $40,000, and doubtless considers it a good investment.

North Carolina should provide for her college not only freely but generously, for in doing so she is training her boys to take care of themselves, and teaching them how to take care of her and make her mighty.

An Iowa sausage-maker has been arrested for refusing to pay tax on a dog. He objected to double tax on his sausage and dog too.

ON THE RAGGED EDGE.

Boss Hanna didn't have as smooth gliding with his ship subsidy grab as he thought he would when he launched it. However well the Republican statesmen may have been disposed towards it in the beginning, and whatever the disposition may have been to accommodate Mr. Hanna, a great many of them have heard from their constituencies, and are now decidedly shy of getting themselves mixed up in that scheme. If the opposition came only from Democratic quarters they would pay very little heed to it, but when it comes from Republican quarters, and is voiced by strenuous Republican organs, that is quite another matter, and sufficient reason in the estimation of Republican statesmen why they should go slow, and they are accordingly going slow.

The Philadelphia *Manufacturer* is a non partisan paper, but it is a protection organ, and to that extent is a supporter of the Republican party. It does not, however, believe in the one sided protection in the Hanna grab, which discriminates against the Lake shipping, and after enumerating various strong objections to it, speaks for the Lake shipping thus:

"Another evil is the fact that a lake ship for foreign ports could collect never a dollar unless it cleared at an Atlantic port, and then only such a run as is accorded to the mileage from said Atlantic port. A time is rapidly coming when ships will sail with coal, iron and wheat from the lake towns to ports in Europe. When that day dawns the injustice of the present subsidy law will look like a blow at Chicago, Milwaukee and the Middle West. What will happen? The West will have to turn to Canada's canals and railroads. It looks as if we were turning that way now, for rumor has it that the Canadian railroad is expected to change shipping conditions It is pointed out pertinently to Chicago and Duluth shippers and other Western lake ports that by the new route, the Canadian, the distance to Liverpool is several hundred miles shorter than the lake and rail route via Buffalo and New York."

And all this in face of the movements on foot advocating the expenditure of many millions of dollars to construct ship canals connecting our lakes with seaports, to build up our foreign commerce, the object professed to be aimed at by the Hanna Subsidy grab. The *Manufacturer* is not especially interested in the Lake shipping, for it is published in an Atlantic seaport city, which according to the subsidy boomers would be immensely benefited by the subsidy, especially as it has a great ship building plant, but it sees the discriminating unfairness of the grab, and has the candor and honesty to condemn it, as many other papers published not only in the interior, but in our coast cities have.

This is the opposition that is making the Republican statesmen go slow in helping Hanna with his grab.

Recently the Bethlehem works in Pennsylvania took a contract for 60,000 tons of steel rails for Norway, and a Chicago mill has just closed a contract for 20,000 tons for Australia. But our rail makers must have protection, and rail like the mischief when any one objects to it.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Littleton *News-Reporter*: Mr. W. A. Williams, a highly respectable and good citizen, died at his home here Wednesday afternoon, after a lingering illness of several months with a throat trouble.

— Newton *Journal*: John Manning made his third escape from the county authorities Saturday and unless all signs fail he will spend his Christmas in freedom. Manning is considerably like the Irishman's flea, when you have him, you haven't him.

— Smithfield *Herald*: Messrs. Batts & Edmundson, of Pleasant Grove Township, this year raised 26,260 pounds of tobacco on 24 acres. They sold it with Messrs. Skinner & Ragsdale, at the Banner Warehouse, Smithfield, for $4,482.50, or $187 per acre. The price paid for 10,294 pounds of the best grade was $30 per hundred.

— Concord *Standard*: A young man named James Frick, of Morgan township, Rowan county, took two bottles of laudanum in a back lot in Salisbury Wednesday evening, the 19th, with suicidal intent, but having told a little girl his intention he was taken care of and plled through. We believe he is now glad he's living.

— Whiteville *News*: Rev. E. W. Wooten, one of the oldest Baptist Ministers in this county, died at his home 7 miles north of here last Friday at 1 o'clock after a lingering illness, For the past 40 years Mr. W. had been a faithful minister of the gospel and was for many years Missionary of the Cape Fear Association.

— Charlotte *Observer*: On Saturday afternoon, Abner Pace, a white man about 40 years old and a travelling painter well known in this county, was killed on the Southern railway a mile and a half this side of Pineville by the engine of the second section of the south bound vestibule. Several persons who had seen Pace an hour before his death noticed that he was under the influence of whiskey. He was sitting on the edge of the rail road track, and presumably was asleep when struck by the engine. His head was crushed and he was instantly killed.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Messrs. Alexander Page and son, of Hoffman, filed an application in bankrupcty Saturday. The liabilities were placed at $22,000, and the assets at $2,200. The firm was engaged in saw milling. The firm of S. C. Campbell, of Aberdeen has also filed a petition in bankruptcy. The assets are placed at $6,500 and the liabilities at $7,000. The assets in this case include all open accounts. —— News reaches here of a rather peculiar occurrence in Rockingham county. It is said that Dave Cook, a young man only 18 years old accompanied by Mrs. Julia Rumley a widow aged 60, went to the home of a justice of the peace a few nights ago wished to be married. They had no license, however, and as the magistrate did not have a supply on hand the ceremony was not performed. It was reported that the woman now says she was hypnotized by young Cook and that she does not wish to marry him.

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TWINKLINGS

— Friend—"Got a lawyer?" Prisoner—"One." Friend—"Why don't yer git two?" Prisoner—"I ain't guilty 'nough fer that"—*New York Weekly*.

—Assistant Editor—"I have found out at last who 'Vox Populi' is." Editor—"Who?" Assistant Editor—"'Constant Reader' under a nom de plume." —*Syracuse Herald*.

— "Lester, dear," said Mrs. Giddings, anxiously to her husband, "I don't like that cough of yours." "I'm sorry," replied Giddings, "but it is the best I have."—*Tit Bits*.

— She—"Ethel and Harry are engaged, but they have decided to keep their engagement a secret; Ethel told me so." He—"Yes, I know; Harry told me."—*Tit-Bits*.

— Ida—There was something very appropriate about our yacht's maiden trip. May—What was it, dear? Ida—She made short skirts along the lake shore.—*Chicago Tribune*.

— Belle—Do you think Chappie loves me? Grace—I know it. He told me to day that he was going to shave off his mustache so he could devote more thought to you.—*Smart Set*.

— Idea—"Ugly Husband (snarling(—"You married me for better or for worse, didn't you?" Wife (hesitatingly)—"Yes, but I supposed I would have some variety."—*Detroit Free Press*

— Jack—"Who is that fine-looking girl that just bowed to you?" Tom (gloomily)—"Oh, she's my sister." Jack—"Why, old chap. I wasn't aware that you had a sister." Tom—"I didn't know it myself until last night."—*Chicago Daily News*.

— "Is it possible for an operatic prima donna to be reasonable?" asked the interviewer. "Are we speaking in confidence?" demanded the great singer. "Entirely so." answered the interviewer. "Then I will say that it is possible, but it isn't policy."—*Chicago Post*.

— "But I don't understand it," exclaimed the bachelor girl. "You add fifty cents to the rent of this room simply because of my sex." "Certainly," replied the landlady. "It is for the extra gas." "The extra gas!" "Yes. If I rent it to a man, he burns gas only in the evening; he does not crimp his hair twice a day."—*Chicago Post*.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— England by her control over Egypt now has the Suez canal practically in her grasp and could cork it up tight in case of war. Of course, however, it is wholly different matter if the United States proposes to have similar control over the Nicaragua canal after spending probably more than $100,000,000 in building it. At least that seems to be the way London looks at it.—*Chicago News, Ind.*

—— Whilst Senatorial orators are bellowing for ship subsidies Glasgow dispatches announce that Clyde shipbuilders have ordered 150,000 of ship plates in the United States, at a saving of $250,000. The subsidists may shout, but they cannot prevail against the stubborn facts. The time is near at hand when the United States will again forge to the front among maritime nations by reason of the ability of their shipbuilders to underbid all competition. —*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Mr. Converse of the Baldwin Locomotive Works told the Industrial Commission that from a quarter to a third of his company's output is exported. Wages here are of course higher than abroad, "but superior mechanical advantages enable us to economize on the construction, and to build locomotives more rapidly than they can be build abroad." Export locomotives cost more than those sold at home, because they have to be taken apart and packed for shipment, and mechanics have to be sent abroad to put the machine together. It is not surprising to learn that Mr. Baldwin did not think duties on foreign locomotives were necessary to prevent importation.—*New Yerk Journal of Commerce, Ind.*

Prevented A Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, O., prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c. and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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A LITTLE BIT PERSONAL.

The Remark a Railroad Employee Wished He Had Not Made.

Some years ago George Jay Gould and a companion came down town one day on the elevated road and were standing on the platform of the car. Mr. Gould, after selecting a cigarette from his case, offered the case to the guard. That worthy took a cigarette and, with a "Thank you," stowed it away in his pocket.

"Oh, take more than that," Mr. Gould urged good naturedly. "Take a half dozen."

"No, thanks," returned the guard, "one will do me. It's lucky, though," he added as an afterthought, "that I'm not old Gould. You wouldn't have got off so easy. He'd probably have taken all you have and the case as well."

Gould and his friend looked at each other silently for a moment and then burst into uncontrollable shrieks of laughter. The guard looked suspiciously first at one and then at the other of the laughing pair and then, apparently coming to the conclusion that he had fathered an unexpectedly witty speech, joined in the mirth and at intervals said to one or the other, "That's a pretty good crack I made, wasn't it?"

"It was," they both assured him.

"Hanover square!" called the guard, and this being their destination the other man said, "Give me one of your cards, George," which being done he pressed it into the hand of the man as he got off the car.

The guard said: "Thank you. Come and ride with me again." Then he glanced at the card, and from the brick red of his natural color he turned a pasty, mottled white, his jaw worked, and he seemed to essay speech as the train drew out of the station.

"It seems like fate," commented the other man, "that out of the 2,000,000 or more men to whom he could have made that remark without ill effect he should have made it to one of the very few with whom it could work him harm. I hope you won't do anything to him." "Of course I won't," replied Mr. Gould. "He's punished enough as it is." And sure enough he didn't.—New York Tribune.

HE WAS BEATEN.

Thought He Could Scare His Wife, but His Scheme Failed.

Ability to meet the demands of a great emergency is not confined to the sterner sex. This is a true relation of what occurred in Detroit not 60 days ago. The husband has morbid spells and such gloomy imaginings as picture life not worth the living.

On the day in question he had an acute attack of the blues, and it is worth mentioning in the same connection that he had eaten liberally the night before, using generous libations of wine as an aid to digestion. He was up at the usual hour, but the courage that faces existence had oozed out, and he went back to bed after calling his wife.

"I must tell you," he began, with lengthening face and melancholy tones, "that I'm beaten. What's the sense of eternally getting the worst of it? There's nothing to do but throw up the sponge, and I want to do it without creating any scandal. I'm not going to jump in the river, take poison or chloroform myself, but I'm just going to clean my revolver. There will be the oil, the rags and the steel rod, showing just how I was at work, and all that can be said is that I overlooked a loaded chamber."

She acted as rapidly as she thought, and inside of a minute she was at the bedside again with that same revolver.

"Dick," with impressive solemnity, "I'm going to save you all that trouble. As we are one, I have the same right to do the deed as you have. It will be an accident. I will get loads of sympathy, and"—

"Heavens, Kit, point that thing the other way! Look out! It's self acting and has a hair trigger! I thought you had some sense"—

"But you said, dear"—

"Said nothing. What in the deuce do you mean by taking a sick man at his word? Thunderation!" as she gave the weapon a careless twirl. Out he flopped on the other side and under the bed, and she pretended that she was going to shoot under the bed, too, till he admitted that he wanted to live to be 100 and begged for a show.—Detroit Free Press.

Taking a Death Mask.

One of the grimmest tasks that fall to the lot of the sculptor is that of taking death masks. This is often the case where a statue is to be made of the deceased, for the features are indelibly and perfectly preserved by this method. Up to the eighteenth century it seems to have been a common custom to take death masks, and there are a number of celebrated collections of these relics of some of the great personages who once made history. Charles I and Cromwell, his greatest rival, are preserved to us in this way.

There are few art works that have the fascination of these "frozen" lineaments, with all the ruggedness and every scar preserved. It is easy to make a mask. The face is oiled and soft plaster pressed down upon the countenance. After obtaining this mold it is only necessary to fill in with melted wax to obtain a perfect cast.

Nollekens, the celebrated sculptor of the eighteenth century, always mixed up his plaster and had his kit ready when he saw the death of any well known person announced, in case he should be summoned to take a mask. It was this commercialism that enabled Nollekens to leave a fortune of $1,000,000 when he died.—Omaha World-Herald.

Pepys at the Horse Show.

I had my white waistcoat and glossed beaver and shoen of the fashion that pleases me well, my wife in her new gowne and purple petticoat, very pretty. At the show we were nigh crushed unto death, the gentlemen and ladies stepping around the hall like ye hands on a poke dial with no regard to the horses, but to the many persons of quality in the stalls. All were gaping at the Duke of Savoy, late arrived, making him more uneasy in his place, till he up and out to avoid them. And so much finery and pretty laces and handsome smocks with silken sarcenets I never did behold—no, not in former times, when the Duke of Marlborough brought his bride, but my wife thought it a shame to have all the frocks spoiled by a stench of stables.—"Pepys' Ghost," by E. Emerson, Jr.

A Crying Need.

"How would you define a 'crying need?'" asked the teacher of the rhetoric class.

"A handkerchief," replied the solemn young man with the wicked eye.—Chicago Tribune.

A Skeptic.

"What is an heirloom, pa?"

"Well, it's all that old fashioned jewelry your mother bought before I knew her."—Chicago Record.

Many a young man would gladly permit a girl to be a sister to him if she would only lend him money occasionally. —Chicago News.

It is believed that a diet of corn bread makes bigger men physically than bread made from wheat flour.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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I do not ask one rainbow ray
In storms whose thunders chide me
If I but feel from day to day
Your love beside me.

Unanswered all the prayers I pray,
A world, dear, to deride me,
Thankful, I walk the thorniest way,
Your love beside me!

—F. L. Stanton.

HOW M'TAGUE GOT GAFFNEY.

Ruse by Which a Sheriff Secured the Drop on a Bad Man.

Let it be said, in the first place, that there is nothing of the white feather about Tom McTague. He is cool; he is brave; he is intrepid. Many a daring exploit has he had in which he exhibited the highest qualities of courage. Once—it was back in 1883—Jim McMasters was sheriff and Tom was undersheriff. There was a gang of horse thieves operating along Flint creek, in what is now Granite county. They would steal anything from a horse to a telegraph pole. Everybody knew who they were, but was afraid to say a word; everybody realized if he made complaint he would be burned out of house and home, his cattle and property confiscated, all his property either stolen or destroyed and he and his family left hopelessly ruined.

The leaders of this gang of "bad men" were Mark Ryan, Chris Gaffney and Jerry Quinlan. Tom McTague got after them. He landed Quinlan all right at New Chicago; he traced Gaffney and located him and a man named Pat Dooley in a charcoal house at Lion mountain, in Beaverhead county. Tom left his horse a mile below and went into the charcoal house all alone.

"I want you, Gaffney," said McTague.

"I am not Gaffney," said Gaffney, drawing his gun, "and you had better get out of here."

Gaffney had the drop on McTague, and there was no use parleying.

"Oh, well," said McTague, "if you are not Gaffney I don't want you. I have made a mistake and beg your pardon. You looked so much like him you deceived people, and they put me on to you. As a matter of fact, you deceive me also, for I have seen Gaffney myself once or twice. But, come to inspect you more closely, I see well enough that you are not Gaffney, the man I am looking for, and that's all right."

McTague turned to go. At that moment Gaffney dropped his gun. Quick as a flash McTague, who had his own gun in his outside coat pocket, drew it and had the drop on Gaffney.

"Now," said McTague, "no more monkeying, Gaffney, or you are a dead man. You march and do as I tell you."

McTague compelled both Gaffney and Dooley to march outside the house, threw them a pair of handcuffs with his disengaged hand and compelled them to put the handcuffs on themselves. Then he marched them down to his conveyance and took them safely to Deer Lodge. Ryan was caught at Glendale.

Unfortunately, however, the people who had suffered from the depredations of the gang were still too terrified to testify against them, and all were acquitted. A year or two later Gaffney was shot dead in a Deer Lodge saloon in a barroom dispute.—Anaconda Standard.

How the Japanese Look at It.

Perhaps no other country than Japan has received so much unstinted praise in the periodical literature of the last two decades. But this is not enough to satisfy a native of Japan. He knows that the powerful and respected nations of the world are often criticised and even bitterly attacked for certain shortcomings. Nothing has less influence upon a sober and thoughtful Japanese than laudatory descriptions of the country and the people. He suspects that this sort of eulogy is not thoroughly sincere. It is like the applause that is given to a dog standing on his hind legs—nothing remarkable in itself, but remarkable for him.

What the Japanese prizes more than anything else is in essence what all people ask for—namely, recognition based on mutual respect or equality. Failing to receive this, he prefers the severest criticism if not made in a carping spirit. In fact, a Japanese resents the gushing attitude toward the art, the scenery or the refined manners of his country, because he is aware that these are really not the objects of national worship in occidental countries. The fundamental desires for equality stir him more than any other ideal virtue or power.—International Magazine.

A very Foxy Fox.

A gentleman whose word cannot be doubted and who is not easily deceived tells the following:

Very early one morning he saw a fox eying most wistfully a number of wild ducks feeding in the rushy end of a highland lake. After awhile the fox, going to windward of the ducks, put afloat in the lake several bunches of dead rushes or grass, which floated down among the ducks without causing the least alarm.

After watching the effect of his preliminary fleet for a short time the fox, taking a good sized mouthful of grass in his jaws, launched himself into the water as quietly as possible, having nothing but the tips of his ears and nose above water.

In this way he drifted down among the ducks and caught a fine mallard.

Though this story seems extraordinary, it must be remembered that the fox manages to capture wild ducks, wood pigeons, hares and numberless other animals, sufficient to keep himself and family, and it is plain to be seen that in doing so he must practice many a trick that would seem improbable if related and quite beyond the instinct of animals.—Omaha World-Herald.

Killed Classical Quotations.

In tracing the decline of the use of classical quotations in legislative bodies the Boston Herald cites the case of Edward Everett, who once concluded a stately speech in congress with a long, sonorous and superbly modulated citation of a passage from Tacitus and then took his seat. No sooner was he through than up sprang a burly member from what was then a frontier state of the west. He had once been an Indian agent, and no sooner was he on his legs than he began to pour out a vehement harangue in Choctaw. After awhile the speaker called him to order.

"I don't see why my freedom of speech should be abridged!" he cried. "You let the gentleman from Massachusetts run on, and I didn't understand the first word of his lingo any better than he does mine."

The scene was described as very comical, but it struck the deathknell of further classical quotations in a congress that had not the ray of an idea what the unintelligible lingo of Cicero and Tacitus was driving at.

Not of That Nationality.

The Londoner tells the story of a gentleman who was much annoyed by having his head pinched during the operation of hair cutting. The barber apologized and explained that there was an unusual bump there.

"Are you a phrenologist?" asked the patient.

"No, sir," answered the barber. "I'm a Swede."—London Globe.

Some Figures.

"You say that figures don't lie? Well, permit me to flatly contradict you."

"May I ask your business?"

"I'm a dressmaker."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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PRINTERS' INK ROLLERS.

Not Until About 1830 Were They Made of Glue and Molasses.

As long ago as the year 1041, so history tells us, a Chinese blacksmith, Pi-Ching by name, made a paste of glutinous earth upon which he engraved separate characters. These he baked, making movable type of earthenware.

Even to this day in China the impression is made by inking the type with a brush. A thin absorbent paper is then laid upon the face of the type and pressed lightly with a dry brush. We have now the first way by which ink was transmitted to type.

This way of taking an impression continued until about 1474, when pelt balls were introduced. If in "perfect" order, these would do good work. They were made in the following way:

A piece of strong grain pelt or skin was selected, and from this the grease had to be entirely removed. It was then soaked 14 or 15 hours and afterward "curried" by drawing it across a post until every particle of dampness had gone. Then long treading by the feet followed.

Wool was wrapped under the skin, and the pelt was tightly placed over, but the great difficulty of getting it in order and the uncleanliness of the operation led to the introduction about 1807 by Mr. Maxwell of Philadelphia of the dressed sheepskins, or "skin rollers," as they were called. But they, too, were abandoned, being found too heavy for the hand.

About 1815 Mr. Fanshaw of New York introduced an improved roller made by wrapping a blanket some eight times around a piece of wood 3½ inches in diameter, turned true, and with an iron spindle on each end. The skin was then tightly wound around the blanket and afterward nailed to the wooden end.

It was in 1817, by the merest chance, in one of the potteries in Staffordshire, England, that the composition of glue and molasses first saw the light. This composition was used in the potteries for what are commonly called "dabbers."

Mr. B. Foster of Weybridge, England, was the first printer to apply this composition to letterpress printing, but even he did not understand its great usefulness. He merely spread it when in a liquid state upon a piece of canvas and then made a ball of it. This is the only way in which it differed from the pelt ball.

The inventions of printing machinery were not quite so slow, however. About 1830 the composition was used as a coating on wooden cylinders, and here we have the first application for printing presses worthy the name of a "roller," without which printing machinery could never have reached the state of perfection it has reached today.—Inland Printer.

BARNUM'S OLD LION.

How the Great Showman Made Capital Out of His Death.

Among the features of the parades of the Barnum circus there was formerly one that never failed to attract much attention. On the top of one of the wild beast cages lay an enormous lion. He was not confined in any way, and nervous people watching the parade would shudder at the sight and contemplate the terrible possibility of the lion springing into the midst of the crowd.

But the venerable old king of beasts had reached the leonine dotage, and stiffened muscles and blunted claws rendered him harmless. He was as mild as a kitten and in the winter quarters, where he was allowed to roam at will, sometimes had to be protected from the onslaughts of irreverent and mischievous puppies.

One night he wandered from the quarters. In the course of his travels he chanced on a barn where a meek eyed cow was placidly chewing her cud. A faint flicker of the slumbering jungle spirit stirred his pulse, and with a crushing blow of the huge forepaw the cow was slain. Then laying down beside his victim he went to sleep and dreamed of the time when he was a shaggy little whelp playing with his brothers under the bright sun of his faroff African home.

In the morning the owner of the cow, a stalwart female with the blood of Irish kings in her veins, entered the barn with milk pail in hand. She was filled with wrath at the sight that met her gaze. With a keen edged ax in her hand and grim determination in her eye she fearlessly approached the sleeping lion, and when the men sent out to search for him arrived he lay cold in death. Barnum promptly paid for the dead cow and engaged to appear on exhibition "the woman who in mortal combat had slain a lion."—National Magazine.

Æsthetic Sins.

Offensive noises, offensive odors, offensive sights, should be minimized as much as possible. The basic law in these respects is the same as the old common law which teaches that one man's liberty extends as far as it may without encroaching upon some other man's liberty. I have no right to do that which offends my neighbor's ear, nose or eye; neither have I the right to offend his intellectual, moral and religious senses.

Many a man punctilious in nearly every other respect thinks it not unbecoming to smoke in crowds in the street or in boats, yet smoking in public is no more justifiable than is eating in public. It violates the basic law that a person should do nothing in the presence of another in which he himself alone participates. If the second person has no part in an act, then that act should not operate upon him, and it is wrong to force him to participate in the act either physically or mentally.

The blowing of smoke into the air that might be breathed by another person is an ethical and æsthetic offense. It is only a question of time when every civilized community will so regard it and may place a prohibitory law on the statute book.—Werner's Magazine.

Truly Cynical.

"He's very cynical in his comments on some of the most successful historical characters."

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "to him the corridors of time simply represent a grand overcrowded rogues' gallery."—Washington Star.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 24
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Br steamship Chalfield, 1,904 tons, Hill, Bermuda, Alexander Sprunt & Sons.

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By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine quiet at 36½c; sales 173 casks; receipts 1,186 casks; exports 290 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 673 barrels; receipts 6,011 barrels; exports 10,262 barrels

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Robert A Snyder, 358 tons, Outer, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Chalfield, (Br) 1,904 tons, Hill, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Kingswood, (Nor) 1,209 tons, Hansen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Angelo Castellano, (Ital) 489 tons, Muojo, Heide & Co.
Victor, (Nor) 614 tons, Ostrik, Heide & Co
Restituta Madre, 567 tons, Asterity, Heide & Co.
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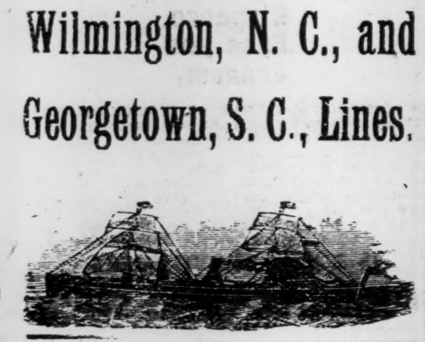

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"Pollo Romulus being asked by Augustus, the emperor, how he lived so long! By nourishing (saith he) my inwards with honey and my outward parts with ayle. The like answer likewise made Democritus, being demanded the like question. Furthermore, it is so general a meat through Russia that the children eat it on their bread every morning as ours do butter to their breakfast; with whom and with old men it agreeth exceeding well, cleansing their breasts, opening their pipes, warming their stomachs, resisting putrefaction and engendering sweet and commendable blood. Raw honey is never good, therefore clarify it thoroughly at the fire; also let it be honey that ran and was never puffed out of the combs and of young bees rather than old, feeding upon thime, rosemary, flowers and such sweet and wholesome herbs. Then may you boldly give it as meat to young children, to cold and moist complexions and to rheumatic old men, especially in northern countries and cold climates and in the winter months."

Blackening One's Shoes.

There are men in New York today whose fortunes are not small, yet they never pay a bootblack a cent a year for shining their shoes. They are their own bootblacks, and not one is ashamed of it. You may depend on one thing—these men were reared in the country, where they were educated in the use of the brush. I said to an acquaintance some time ago, when he complained that his 12-year-old son had no exercise about the house, "Why don't you make him blacken the family shoes every morning?"

He was stunned at the suggestion. "My son blacken boots!" he wailed, throwing up his hands. "Do you think I would disgrace my own boy? I give him 10 cents every morning to have his shoes shined at the corner where I have mine shined."

I reminded him that he was teaching that boy to be an upstart and that he was giving him $36.50 a year which he stole from his friends. Blackening shoes is splendid exercise. Many a ragged street Arab is too proud to do it because of some fool father like the one mentioned, but such a father ought to be in the business instead of robbing his friends. Let every boy learn to shine shoes. He may have to make a living at it some day. There is money in the business.—New York Press.

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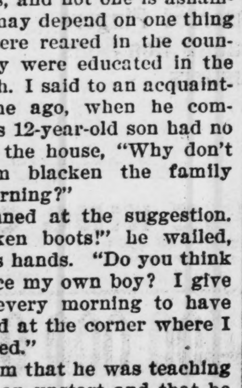

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THE GREEN MADNESS.

A TALK ON ABSINTH BY ONE WHO NOTED ITS EFFECTS.

How the Seductive and Destructive French Drink Acts on the Man Who Becomes a Slave to Its Peculiar Fascination.

"Absinth!" exclaimed the old major, who is one of the fixtures of the quaint little restaurant where good fellowship has made the 30 cent table d'hote a sort of club, especially o' Saturday nights. "What do I think of absinth?" he repeated, addressing the young man who had asked the question. "Why, I think it's very much like any other liqueur—no better, no worse; one-third alcohol, two-thirds water, a little flavoring, and there you are. Drink enough of it, and it will make you drunk. Keep that up long enough, and it will make you crazy. The same thing would happen if you selected maraschino or chartreuse or straight whisky. But as far as any peculiar, diabolical, brain softening effects are concerned, that's mainly moonshine. The Parisians have the best way of drinking it. You have been in Paris, eh? Then of course you know 'the green hour' and remember how the boulevardier fills up his goblet from the carafe until there is nothing left of the spoonful of absinth but an opalescent gleam when the sun happens to strike it at the right angle. I dare say the stuff does him no good, but I doubt emphatically whether it does him any particular harm. What do you think about it, senor?"

The senor, who is really an American and gets his title by reason of his dark complexion and the fact that he makes a living translating Spanish invoices for ships and shippers, hesitated before replying. "I am sorry to disagree with you, major," he said slowly, "but I believe that absinth does produce an effect upon the brain entirely different and infinitely more terrible than any other intoxicant commonly drank. I believe," he continued, with his eyes fixed on a pellet of bread which he was kneading between his fingers, "that it leads to a gradual decay of the faculties, ending in complete idiocy.

"Of course I am not referring to the man who takes an occasional absinth frappe or an absinth annisette, but to the steady absinth tippler who must have at least two or three drinks of it every day. Why the stuff should be so peculiarly destructive I don't pretend to say, but I am convinced that it effects some mysterious change in the brain tissue itself, the end of which, as I said before, is helpless idiocy, the most appalling fate that can possibly overtake a human being. My opinion is based on considerable observation, but more especially upon the experience of a young man with whom I was once on terms of close intimacy.

"This friend of mine," the translator went on, "had made absinth a necessity before he was really aware that he had contracted a habit. He was what is called a moderate drinker who prided himself upon never being intoxicated, and as he liked the peculiar taste of the liqueur he drifted into the practice of drinking it, to quote his own words, 'instead of something stronger.' He believed, like you, major, that there was no special harm in the stuff and that it was not much more than flavored water.

"Well, he had been keeping that up for perhaps three years, steadily increasing the daily tipple, when one night a very curious thing happened to him. As he described it to me afterward, he was walking along Canal street with an acquaintance, chatting on trivial subjects, when suddenly he found himself in an entirely different part of the city. His companion was still by his side, talking pleasantly, and there was absolutely no sense of transition. It was as if he had closed his eyes on one spot and opened them on another a dozen blocks away, and I need hardly say to you that he was shocked and startled beyond all expression.

"He realized that there had been an interval, but how long it had lasted and of what had happened in the meantime he had no idea. A wave of oblivion, as nearly as I can express it, had surged backward in his brain and wiped out the events of at least half an hour, just as you might pass a sponge over a slate. By mere chance the other man did not observe his agitation, and after a desperate effort he calmed himself and caught the thread of the talk again.

"This horrible lapse was the first of many others, which gradually became more and more frequent. At first my friend did not attribute them to the absinth, but when he attempted to stop the liqueur they increased so alarmingly and were accompanied by such a shocking nervous collapse as to leave no doubt as to the connection between the seizures and the habit. For nearly a year he lived in a perfect inferno. Sometimes he would go for several weeks without an attack, then two or three would follow in quick succession and doubt as to what had happened in the last interval kept him in a state of incessant and agonized apprehension.

"One day he met an old friend, who abruptly refused his hand and told him never again to speak to him or any member of his family. He never knew what had occasioned the rebuff and never dared to ask, but that it was due to something that had occurred during one of his dreadful scissions of memory was sufficiently obvious. I will not tire you with further details. Suffice it to say that the tormented man finally gathered together enough fortitude to put himself into an asylum, where the habit was broken, but with a shock that left him virtually a wreck.

"Those are the facts of the case, and they illustrate fairly well the peculiar, insidious, brain destroying qualities of the drink. Moderate or occasional indulgence may not be specially harmful, but heaven help the man to whom it becomes indispensable! He has set his foot on a dark road, and that way madness lies."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Johnny's Reason.

Teacher—Johnny, write upon the blackboard the sentence, "Two heads are better than one." Now, Johnny, do you believe that?

Johnny—Yes'm.

Teacher—Why?

Johnny—'Cause then you'll git a job in a dime museum an make lots o' money.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Men are not vain, of course. The average man carries a little mirror in his vest pocket only to lend to women who want to know whether their hats are on straight.—Somerville Journal.

Smart Alex.

A man being About to die summoned his four Sons to his side and said:

"My sons, I will leave to John one-third of my estate, to Alex one-fifth, to James one-half and to Thomas one-fourth, and thus you will all Share Equally."

John and James and Thomas took Paper and Pencil and began figuring, but Alex took his Hat and started out.

"Where are you going?" the other Three asked. "Do you not Intend figuring out the Problem?"

"Not much," said Alex. "I am Going for a Lawyer to break the Will."

Moral—Sometimes the Lawyer can Relieve the Heirs of Much of the Figuring.—Baltimore American.

His Vocation.

Hicks—It is a shame the way Buster is bringing up that boy of his. The lad doesn't know how to read or write, and there is no indication of his ever being sent to school.

Wicks—Buster knows what he is doing, you can depend upon it. Probably he intends when that boy reaches manhood he will have all the business he can attend to as criminal court juror.—Boston Transcript.

Sharp.

Doctor—Stick out your tongue, Tommy.

Tommy—Not on your life! I did that yesterday to my teacher, and I still ache all over for it.—Wiener Tagblatt.

THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

There is a time of morning
When the jubilant, newborn day
And the opal tints of approaching dawn
As yet seem far away.
In the eastern sky is movement,
No glow, but impending change.
The house is filled with echoes;
Familiar rooms look strange.
Slip back the bolts and leave them;
Steal out beneath the sky;
Stand alone in an unknown world
Of awful purity.

Stand alone with folded hands,
Wait for the gift of wings,
Wait to be lifted higher,
Nearer the heart of things!

The heavens are clear and moonlit
Though the moon is on the wane;
The wind that wailed throughout the night
Drops with a sigh of pain.
A vague alarm is creeping
Over the fields and lawn;
Time pauses, night is over,
And yet it is not dawn.
Away down in the pastures
The cattle turn and moan;
All living things are troubled
With a sense of the unknown.

For they with eyes may see now,
And they who question know.
Make the most of the magic hour;
The east begins to glow!

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The east is all in tumult,
The charmed hour is past,
For, breaking up the quiet skies,
The day appears at last.
—Olive Molesworth in Chambers' Journal

Preparing For a "Dewel."

One of the most remarkable documents that have ever come under our observation is to be found in the case of ex parte Scoggin, 6 Tex. App. 546. Mr. Scoggin was under indictment for the murder of one William Gerrard, and an extract from a memorandum book in defendant's handwriting and found near the body ran as follows:

JOHNSON CO., TX., Jan. 24, 1875.

As this may bee the last penciling that I may ever do on earth May heaven Bless me and the man that I am going to fite, for we have been travling to geather some time and have fell out a bought the sum of $25 and have agreed to fight a dewel this Butiful night of our lord, and as one of us has to die May heven bless us, as this is the last half hour on earth with one of us, heven Preserve me now and forever. Written by Jesse Scog—, Bornd and rased in Tx. Sined by William Jirod, Bornd in Illinois.

Mr. Scoggin's piety apparently brought victory to him in the "dewel," for his adversary when found appeared to have been struck behind the ear by a 13 inch shell.—Law Notes.

O'Connell and Massey.

Laughter has been fatal to at least one bill in the house of commons. In the days of O'Connell Thomas Massey, who was a sworn foe to everything that suggested popery, introduced a bill to abolish the suffix "mas" from all words in our language and to substitute "tide," thus converting "Christmas" into "Christtide," and so on.

When he had ended his introductory speech, O'Connell got up and said: "Since the honorable member has such an insuperable objection to the word 'mas' why does he not set a good example by anglicizing his own name? In that case we should be quite willing to speak of him as Thotide Tidey."

The house rolled with appreciative laughter, and Mr. Massey never recovered sufficient courage to speak of the bill again.

Strange Affair.

"It is shameful the way Marmaduke McCorker has treated Miss Fitzperkins."

"What did he do?"

"Oh, he stimulated her to improve her mind and then broke the engagement on the ground that he was afraid to marry a woman who knew so much."—Indianapolis Journal.

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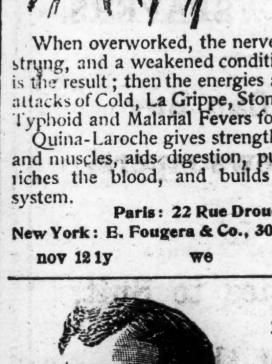

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$365,750 56	Capital Stock	$200,000 00
Stocks and Bonds	1,045 00	Profits less expenses	34,921 46
U. S. Bonds	197,100 00	Circulation	146,050 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	5,690 00	Deposits	432,120 21
Five per cent. redemption fund	7,850 00		
Revenue Stamps	453 00		
Office Furniture	750 00		
Cash on hand and in banks	234,753 11		
Total	$813,091 67	Total	$813,091 67

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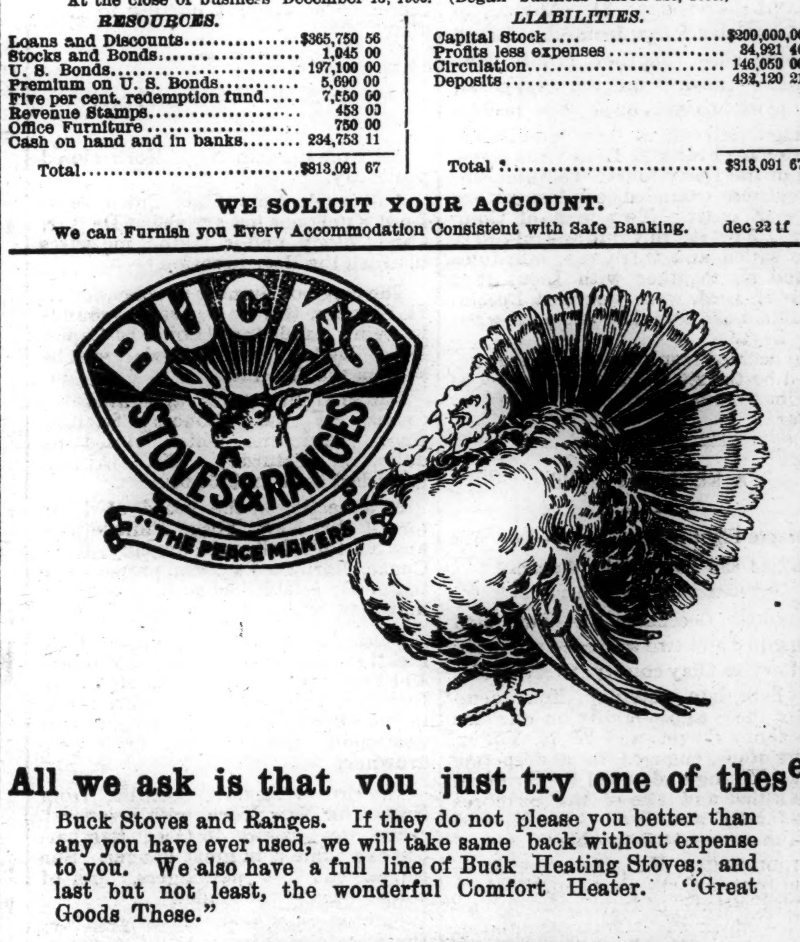

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Other trains arrive at Hamlet as follows: Train 402 from Atlanta, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Monroe at 9:37 P. M.; train No. 41 from Portsmouth at 7:10 P. M.; train No. 27 from Richmond and points North at 10.27 P. M.; train No. 44 from Columbia and points South at 9.40 P. M., and train No. 66 from Columbia and points South at 9 00 A. M.

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M.	No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.24 A. M., Goldsboro 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.48 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.31 P. M., Richmond 7.25 P. M., Norfolk 5.15 P. M., Washington 11.20 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.
DAILY 7.00 P. M.	No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 P. M., Warsaw 8.43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.23 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.
DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M.	No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M.	No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 5.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2 45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.10 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M.	No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M.	No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.
DAILY 9.20 A. M.	No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8 55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.50 P. M., Petersburg 7.25 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M.; Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 5.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.
DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M.	No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M.	No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.48 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M., Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.35 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M.	No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

*Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.05 A. M. Maxton 9.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.55 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.12 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.00 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.20 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.31 A. M., Dillon 10.42 A. M., Rowland 10.58 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.06 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.28 P. M., Latta 6.42 P. M., Pee Dee 7.08 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.15 A. M. Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 5.35 P. M., Manning 6.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.43 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., †7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; †4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; †5.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.00 P.M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Bennettsville 9.22 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.50 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.59 P. M., 10.40 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.18 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 12.39 A. M., Rowland 6.06 P. M., returning leave Rowland 10.58 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 1022 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.13 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.05 A. M., Creston 4.54 A. M., arrive Denmark 5.55 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.29 P. M., Creston 5.32 P. M., Sumter 6.24 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leave Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrive Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 1.50 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

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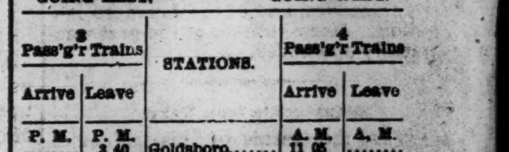

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
4 31	4 33	Kinston	10 12	10 13
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25.

HAY-PAUNCFOTE TREATY

Will Be Transmitted by the State Department to the British Government by To-day's Steamer.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The State Department has decided to send the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to the British government through two channels, one copy being transmitted to Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and the other through Ambassador Choate, at London, who will present it to the Foreign Office. It is the understanding that the State Department will make no representations whatever as to the changes made in the treaty; the Senate amendments will be allowed to speak for themselves, and the action of the department in notifying them to the British government will be purely formal. As the papers leave New York on to-morrow's mail steamer, they should reach London about New Year's day, so that the negotiations will certainly lapse over into the next century, at the very earliest.

It can be authoritatively stated that there has been no exchange whatever, either in the shape of written notes, or oral communication between the State Department and the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, that has developed a threat on the part of these governments to refuse assent to the construction of a canal, in view of the action of the United States Senate upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. All that is officially known of the attitude of the two governments mentioned, is that their representatives here, Senores Corea and Calvo, thoroughly approved of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as the basis for the canal construction. Whether or not the changes made in that convention will affect their attitude is unknown. The impression prevails that not being called upon to come to a decision on this point, until the British government shall have passed upon the Senate amendments, the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica will not anticipate that action by any declaration at this stage.

The British government up to this time, has not given the slightest indication as to its purpose on the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it is understood that the subject will not be taken up by the British cabinet until after the draft of the amended instrument and the advices of the British ambassador at Washington are received. The general results have been briefly summarized in cables to the London authorities, but in a matter of this magnitude they would not act until they were in the possession of all the data by mail.

The Position of Nicaragua.

The Nicaraguan minister, Mr. Corea, was asked to-day as to the report that he had protested in behalf of Nicaragua against the amended form of the treaty. He said that he did not care to discuss the matter in its present stage. But he pointed out the unlikelihood that Nicaragua or Costa Rica would protest while the matter was one of domestic policy. Later on, if it assumed the concrete form of a proppsition to be submitted to Nicaragua and Costa Rica, it would be for them to say whether it was acceptable or not, but in the meantime, it is hardly likely that there would be any protest or other action concerning a subject still in its creative stages in this country, and in Great Britain, and not yet before Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

It also can be stated, not on Mr. Corea's authority but as a fact, that the Nicaraguan government has not up to this time defined its attitude on the amended document. Mr. Corea forwarded it with full advices, but as the Senate acted only a few days ago, there has not yet been time for the papers to go before President Zelaya's cabinet. And even then, as Mr. Corea has pointed out, it is doubtful whether Nicaragua will assert her position in advance of receiving overtures as to the canal. It appears to be the accepted view, however, in Central American diplomatic quarters, that the Senate confined its consideration to the interests of the United States and other maritime powers, and failed to take into much account the interests of those countries most vitally concerned by having the waterway through their territory.

THE WORK OF A MISCREANT.

Passenger Train Wrecked Near Rome, Ga. Trainmen Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROME, GA., December 24.—A passenger train on the Chattanooga, Rome and Southern railway was wrecked by an unknown miscreant at Miller's Nurseries early last evening. The train employes were injured and the passengers badly shaken up, but nobody was fatally hurt.

The wreck occurred one and one-half miles below Rome. The northbound passenger train between Carrollton and Rome, due here at 4 o'clock, was running at full speed through Miller's station, when the train suddenly took the side track and crashed into a dozen box cars. The engine of the passenger train was almost totally demolished. The engineer and fireman saved their lives by jumping, although the fireman received severe internal injuries. Several of the passengers were thrown from their seats and bruised. It was ascertained this morning that the switch lock had been broken and the switch purposely turned. The matter will be investigated by the county authorities and railroad people at once.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT. †

Miss Olga Nethersole appeared at the National Theatre in Washington last night in "Sapho" to a packed house, including Secretary Gage and party and members of the French and Italian embassies, and of the Japanese legation. Her rendition of the part was warmly applauded.

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THE SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

It Is Absolutely Necessary to Maintain an Army of Sixty Thousand Men.

WAITING UPON CONGRESS.

No Troops Can Be Withdrawn Until They Can Be Replaced—Few Are Likely to Re-enlist—Suggestion That a Bounty of $250 Be Offered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—As a result of a conference between the Secretary of War and Quartermaster General Ludington, it has been decided that no further action can be taken with regard to the return of the volunteers from the Philippines until Congress shall make provision for their replacement. The War Department is considerably embarrassed by the failure of Congress to make provision before the recess for the relief of the military situation in the Philippines. Acting upon representations made by General MacArthur, the department has concluded that it is absolutely necessary to maintain an army or sixty thousand men in the Philippines until the current policy of establishing municipal governments throughout the archipelago has been executed.

It is stated at the department that any reduction of the military strength below that figure under existing conditions would undoubtedly prove most disastrous to the interests of the United States. There are now about 69,000 troops, regulars and volunteers in the Philippines and arrangements have been made already for bringing home 9,000 of that number. No further reduction will be made until the War Department is advised fully of the purpose of Congress with regard to army legislation. When the necessary authority has been given it is the purpose of the department to bring home as rapidly as possible all the volunteers and regulars whose terms of enlistment expire on the 30th of June next, but not before it is possible to replace them, man for man, with new recruits enlisted under the terms of the new army bill.

No More Will Be Withdrawn.

It, therefore, appears that after the 9,000 volunteers have left the Philippines, no more troops will be withdrawn from that country until they can be relieved by fresh troops recruited in the United States, in accordance with legislation yet to be enacted.

It is expected that Congress will act promptly on the army bill soon after it reassembles in January, but even in that event it is said at the War Department it will not be possible to get the fresh troops to the Philippines inside of two months' time. The general home coming movement of the mass of volunteers therefore will have to be postponed until the first of February. That will give the quartermaster's department but five months time to bring home the remainder of the volunteers and the regular troops whose terms will expire at the same time, aggregating about 40,000 men, before the 1st of July. This undertaking is believed to be beyond the capacity of the transport service, as at present organized, and may necessitate the charter of additional steamships. All arrangements in that line, however, will be held in abeyance until definite information has been received of the intention of Congress with regard to the proposed increase of the regular army.

Bounty Recommended.

Recent cable advices from General MacArthur indicate a strong desire on the part of the volunteers generally to return to the United States, and that comparatively few of them are likely to re-enlist without the most liberal inducements are offered. It is understood that General MacArthur has recommended that a bounty of $250 be allowed to each soldier in the Philippines who re-enlists for another term, and the plan is said to meet with the favor of the officials of the War Department.

The Currency Question.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—President Taft, of the Philippine commission, has come forward with another suggestion for the settlement of the Philippine currency question, which is now pressing urgently for agreement. He discards the former plans of coining something like a trade dollar, and of maintaining by the credit of the United States a fixed ratio between the Mexican dollar and American gold, and proposes to adopt United States money, pure and simple, as the money of the Philippines. He points out that radical as is this move, it must be made sooner or later if the islands are to remain under the control of the United States, and that delay only serves to aggravate the evils of the present confusion of systems.

WRECKS ON THE COAST.

Tug Ocean Queen With Barges Ashore at Smith's Island, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—Superintendent Kimball, of the Life Saving Service, to-night received the following dispatch from Keeper Hitchings, of the Smith's Island, Va., life saving station:

"Tug Ocean Queen, the barge Rondout and barge Astoria ran ashore on Myrtle Beach, eight miles north of Smith's Island station. The crews, numbering seventeen, were saved with the life-boat by the Smith's Island and Cobe's Island life saving crews."

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., Dec. 24.—The schooner Dreadnaught, from Norfolk for Lynn, at this port, reports having experienced easterly gales off Absecom on the 21st instant, during which she carried away jib-boom, guys and split some of her sails.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

A Young Woman Taken from Her Home Near Pueblo, Col.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PUEBLO, COLO., December 24.—The police to-day failed to throw any light upon the mysterious disappearance of Maggie Hoel, who yesterday left or was taken from the home of her uncle, Charles Beatty, a short distance west of this city. It has been learned, however, that some time yesterday morning a carriage drawn by white horses was in the vicinity and a richly dressed lady alighted from it and seemed to be searching for something. It has been impossible thus far to find such a carriage. The girl, who is 18 years of age, had a guardian in Missouri and a young man here was known as her sweetheart. The latter is grief-stricken and is doing all he can to aid in solving the mystery. The simple and innocent character of the girl seems to preclude theories of elopement and the circumstances appear to indicate kidnapping, but for what motive cannot yet be learned.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY BY THE POPE OF ROME.

Closing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Cathedral—Eighty Thousand People Were Spectators.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ROME, December 24.—The Pope to day performed the ceremony of closing the holy door of St. Peter's Cathedral, with the gorgeous forms usual to great functions of this kind. It was a magnificent spectacle. There was a great gathering of the princes of the Church, who participated in the ceremony, which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

The closing of the holy door took place with the utmost pomp of the Catholic Church. His Holiness descended to St. Peter's Cathedral at 11 o'clock A. M., and the ceremony lasted until 1 P. M. The Pope then returned to his apartments apparently not fatigued. He intoned the Te Deum in a resonant voice and throughout gave evidence of being in excellent health and spirits. He used the artistic golden trowel subscribed for by the Catholics of the world, in mortaring the three gilded bricks which he placed as a first layer on the threshold of St. Peter's door.

The whole pontifical court participated in the ceremonies. The spectacle inside the vast basilica was superb. The pillars of the central nave were draped with gold embroidered scarlet cloth, and the porch under which the functions took place was transformed into a magnificently decorated hall. On the left of the holy door was erected the pontifical throne, covered with red and gold. On the right hand of the door stood tribunes for royal personages, princes, Knights of Malta, prelates, representatives of the Roman nobility, and other distinguished persons. Inside the church every inch of space was occupied by the throng, which gathered early in the morning. A strong detachment of troops, stationed in the square in front of the cathedral, controlled the incoming crowds, who literally raced to secure the best positions. It is estimated that eighty thousand persons were spectators of the ceremony.

CLAIMS AGAINST CUBA

For Damages as a Result of the Spanish-American War—Presented to the U. S. Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The German embassy has laid before the State Department the claims of a number of German subjects for damages to their interests in Cuba, as a result of the Spanish-American war and the insurrection which led up to the war itself. This raised a most important issue, and the department has concluded that the United States government cannot accept responsibility for the claims. They are regarded as practically the same in principle as the claim of Porto Rico against Cuba for $3,000,000 on account of a war loan. Although in that case Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, represented the United States government in preferring the claim, that government was required to deny its liability, or the liability of Cuba under present conditions. The answer to the German presentation will be based upon the reply to Governor Allen recently made. It is known that other governments besides Germany have claims aggregating a very large sum, all based on the Cuban insurrection and succeeding events. They will not be abandoned on account of the attitude of the United States government, but probably will be held in abeyance until such time as the island shall have become independent, when they will be presented directly to the government of the island.

FILIPINOS STILL ACTIVE.

Two Americans Killed and Several Wounded in Recent Encounters.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, December 24.—Advices to the Associated Press, from the Island of Leyte, show that there is still considerable turmoil on the west coast, but the east coast is quiet, the leaders having retired to the mountains. Lieutenant Frank E. Lynch and three men of the Forty-fourth volunteer infantry were wounded near Ilongas, on the west coast. Two men of Company L, Fortythird volunteer infantry, were killed and three of Companies L and K, together with Lieutenant Louis H. Leaf, were wounded December 13th near San Miguel, northwest ern Leyte.

No decided results have yet been secured by the 2,000 United States troops distributed among the coast towns of Semar.

A KENTUCKY FEUD.

Desperate Fight in Clay County—Two Men Killed and Two Fatally Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 24.—Two men were killed and two wounded at Farris' distillery in Clay county, twelve miles from here, late yesterday. Four members of the Sizmore family on one side and Henry Barrett and W. H. Young on the other, engaged in a desperate fight. Young and one of the Sizmores were killed and two of the Sizmores were fatally wounded. An old feud was the cause of the trouble.

MIDDLESBORO, KY., December 24.—Gillis Johnson was shot and killed by Charles Wilcox, of Harlan county, today. Wilcox was slightly wounded. Johnson was shot four times, death being instantaneous. Johnson is reputed to have killed three men.

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Reports of the Serious Situation There Are Fully Confirmed.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—"We learn," says the *Daily Mail*, "that the reports of the serious situation in Cape Colony are fully confirmed. The invading Boers are receiving much assistance from the Cape Dutch. Railway communication between Cape Town and the north is almost entirely severed, partly by Boer operations and partly by rains."

"Since the Nooitgedacht affair," says the correspondent of the *Daily Mail* at The Hague, "Mr. Kruger has become stiff-necked. He now scornfully rejects all private suggestions in the nature of peace overtures."

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Burns, Boils, Pain or Piles it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c Sold by R.R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

CONGER SIGNED THE AGREEMENT

Regarded as Closing the Most Difficult Phase of Negotiations With China.

THE UNITED STATES' POSITION

Chinese Envoys Expected to Accept the Agreement Without Amendment—Russia Takes Possession of the Manchurian Railroad.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 24.—A special to the *Nove Vriema*, from Vladivostock, says the exploitation of the principal Manchurian railroad line and the construction of a branch line to Port Arthur will be turned over to the government. Russia has always carefully insisted that the Manchurian railroad enterprise was purely the affair of a Russian private corporation. The news, if true, is of great importance politically. The same correspondent wires that the demobilization is ending everywhere in Manchuria. Baron Baulbaurs is distributing the railroad protective guard along the route. The Chinese population along the railroad is suffering from famine. The Russians up to the present have had plenty of supplies. The movement is of great importance politically, although the dispatch asserts that neither the railroad nor Russia would gain much by the move. However this may be, a high official authoritatively denied the whole story to-day when the matter was broached to him.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Minister Conger, at Pekin, announcing that he had signed the agreement reached by the foreign ministers, but had done so with a written explanatory statement, setting forth the exact position of his Government. The text of the statement is not forwarded by Mr. Conger, but it is understood to be based upon the last instruction he received from the Department, which, while disapproving the inclusion in the agreement of some of the more severe language, accepted it as the best arrangement that could be made at this time. It is believed that the United States also, while sanctioning the provisions of the agreement relative to the maintenance of permanent lines of communication, legation guards, and prohibition of the importation of arms into China, indicates clearly that constitutional reasons prevent the executive from making any pledge to take part in the execution of these plans.

The signature of the agreement by the ministers closes what is regarded here as the first, the most important and the most difficult phase of the negotiations as to China, for it is not doubted that the Chinese envoys will subscribe to the agreement without amendment. Its conclusion has been marked by one of the most curious mistakes in the history of international exchange, for by a cipher error the majority of the signers found to their amazement that they had contracted to do exactly what they did not intend, and moreover the error was irretrievable.

PLANT WILL CASE.

Depositions Taken in the Probate Court at New Haven, Conn.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., December 24.—In the Probate Court to-day depositions were taken in the action of Mrs. H. B. Plant against ex-Judge Lynde Harrison, in the celebrated Plant will case. Judge Harrison is one of the executors of the will of Mr. Plant, who left about $17,000,000. An effort is being made in behalf of Mrs. Plant to have the will probated in this State instead of in New York, in order to increase the amount coming to Mrs. Plant.

WARM WIRELETS.

All exchanges in New York closed yesterday.

A dispatch from Cape Town says: Lord Kitchener has arrived at De Aar, Cape Colony, and is taking measures to crush the Boer invasion.

The cargo of lumber of schooner N. H. Skinner, (before reported aground) is being landed at Point of Capes, Del. The hull and material will be sold on the 27th inst.

Daniel L. Brinton is appointed receiver for the Economy Savings Bank, Baltimore, which closed its doors on Saturday. Mr. Brinton furnished bond in $250,000.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company, B. B. Cooke, Norfolk Va., was promoted to the newly established position of traffic manager, with enlarged duties.

Dense fogs on the English coast are greatly interfering with navigation and several wrecks have occurred. The British steamer Brunswick grounded in the Bristol channel, keeled over and sank. Seven of the crew were drowned.

The British steamer Autillia, from Nassau for New York, with a general cargo, went ashore on Great Egg harbor bar. She is in great danger. She carried but two passengers, both of whom were safely landed.

The torpedo boat destroyer McDonough was launched at the works of the Fore River Iron Company yesterday. Mrs. Lucy Charlotte McDonough Reade, of Philadelphia, christened the vessel with champagne.

A powerful wrecking tug with barges left Key West, Fla., last night for the stranded steamer Mount Oswald, which went ashore three days ago on Elbow reef, thirty-five miles below Miami. It is believed the steamer will be saved.

General Reginald Pole-Carew who has returned to London from South Africa, will marry Lady Beatrice Frances Elizabeth, elder daughter of the Marquis of Ormonne. He is 51 years of age and she is under 25.

Orders have been issued abolishing the the train boys, or "news butchers" on all trains of the Erie railroad system west of Salamancany after midnight December 31, and on all lines east of that point after midnight January 31st.

Celestino Peraza, formerly secretary general of President Castro, of Venezeula, has revolted against the Venezeulan government. A force of 2,500 Venezeulan troops, under General Aristides Fandeo, has been sent against Peraza.

Miss Juniata Rohrbach, an employe of the auditor's office of the War Department, is in an acute stage of nervous collapse that is likely to prove fatal. Miss Rorhbach was near the desk of Auditor Frank H. Morris when McDonald entered and shot him. The shock of the tragedy was too much for the young woman's nerves.

STREET CAR STRIKE AT SCRANTON, PA.

No Violence or Intimidation—Few Cars Running—Citizens in Sympathy With the Strikers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., December 24.—The second day of the street car strike passed off as quietly as the first. Seven men imported from Syracuse joined with the company's superintendents, foremen, clerks and three old employes in manning eight cars, and they ran through all parts of the city from daybreak till nightfall. Not a single instacne of violence or even intimidation is reported. The strikers quietly went among the men who were taking their places and succeeded in inducing four of them to quit and in exacting promises from three others not to go to work to morrow. One of the men from Syracuse was provided with transportation by the strikers and returned home. Two others turned in with the strikers, helping to induce the other seven to quit.

Very few persons rode on the cars even after it became evident that there was no danger of violence. Even aged women preferred to labor along under a load of Christmas bundles for two or three miles than to be seen riding on the tabooed cars. All sorts of wagons and carriages were pressed into service by the liverymen to carry people to and from the suburbs and the steam roads up and down the valley ran extra trains to the suburban towns, so by one means or another shoppers managed to get into the central portion of the city and business was not seriously affected as was dreaded.

Boys placed rubbish and stones on the Green Ridge tracks during the afternoon but this was the extent of the interference. The few cars that kept up irregular trips to the more important suburbs were jeered along the line, but this and some opprobrious epithets was the worst the men on the cars were called upon to endure.

General Manager Silliman, after a conference to-day with President C. M. Clark, stated that the company is thoroughly satisfied with the conditions and prospects and proposed to continue its policy of gradually increasing the number of cars in operation day by day until all are running.

FIRE AT JOLIET, ILL.

Plant of the Fox Steel Car Works Destroyed—Loss $100,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JOLIET, ILL., December 24.—Fire to day almost completely destroyed the plant of the Fox Pressed Steel Car Works, one of the most extensive manufacturing institutions in this city. The costly machinery contained in the factory was severely damaged and the total loss is estimated to be above $100,000, with only $9,800 insurance.

The institution belongs to the Steel Trust, with branches in other localities, and it is feared that the plant will not be re-built here. Two hundred men will be thrown out of work.

THE CUDAHY KIDNAPPING.

Police Pushing Their Investigation—No Important Developments.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, NEB, Dec. 24.—The only development in the Cudahy kidnaping case to day was the finding of the lantern with which Mr. Cudahy was flagged on his drive into the country last Wednesday, carrying the $25,000 with which to secure the return of his son and other paraphernalia left by the robbers in their hurried departure. This confirms the story of the drive and assists the police in finding the methods employed by the bandits.

As a result of a trolley crash near the Broadway ferry, Brooklyn, N. Y., last night, one woman was killed outright and two women were fatally injured. Several other persons sustained painful injuries.

The common council of Grand Rapids, Mich., unanimously passed a resolution last night extending Mr. Kruger an official welcome and the freedom of the city.

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" 1.50 "	" 1.10		

Men's Suits and Overcoats at cost.
Boys' Knee Suits at cost.
Everything At Cost!
Nothing sent out on approbation or charged during this sale.
A. SHRIER, Men's Wear,
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YOU ARE INVITED to call at the office of the New Savings Bank, opposite the Post Office, and get a HOME SAVINGS BANK, which we have arranged to distribute among our customers and friends without expense to them. Do Not Hesitate to come and get one for yourself, wife or children. They will help you to save small amounts you would not save otherwise, and we have adopted this plan to encourage and assist you in doing so.
REMEMBER that deposits made now will draw Four Per Cent. from January 1st, 1901.
The Guardian Security, Trust and Deposit Co.,
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Elegance, Ease and Economy
Are present in every pair of Women's Shoes leaving this establishment, a statement we would be glad to demonstrate to you if you would call in any day. Shoe-making is an art, and we buy from artists; it's also a business, and we buy from business men, which accounts for the quality we give for the low price you pay.
An acceptable Xmas gift you will find,
Is a pair of our Shoes.
GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS.
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What Shall We Eat?
It's one of the most interesting questions during the Holiday season. We have made ample provision for everything in that line, especially.....
Fancy Cakes and Crackers,
and invite your attention to a few of the very large assortment now in stock:.....

Scotch Coffee	per lb 15c	Graham Wafers	per lb 15c
Orange Drops	" 15c	Butter Thins	" 15c
Imperial Dessert	" 20c	Java Cocoanut	" 20c
Fig Newtons	" 18c	Lemon Cakes	" 10c
Lemon Snaps	" 15c	Our Favorite	" 15c
Iced Creams	" 20c	Animal Nic-nacs	" 12½c
Assorted Fingers	" 10c	Ginger Snaps	" 08c
Walnut Bon Bons	" 20c	Banquet Wafers	" 15c
Hustlers	" 10c	Nic-nacs	" 09c

The quality of these goods is all right. Crisp, finely flavored and fresh from the bakery.
Mixed Nuts, 15 cents per lb.; English walnuts, 15 cents per lb; Citron, 15 cents per lb.; L. L. Raisins, 12½ cents per lb.
THE KING GROCERY CO.,
Fourth Street Bridge.
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